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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael G. Hartley

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 3, 7 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Interference

Interference No. 104,789 has been terminated by a decision adverse to applicant. *Ex parte* prosecution is resumed.

An adverse judgment against claims 2, 3, 7 and 10 has been entered by the Board. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 10 stand(s) finally disposed of for failure to reply to or appeal from the examiner's rejection of such claim(s) presented for interference within the time for appeal or civil action specified in 37 CFR 1.304. Adverse judgment against a claim is a final action of the Office requiring no further action by the Office to dispose of the claim permanently. See 37 CFR 41.127(a)(2).

Claim Objections

Claims 4-6 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but may be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

NOTE: the rewriting of the claims in independent form may add confusion to the claims for claims 4-6 and 8. This is because claims 4 and 8 are not within the scope of their respective base claims. For example, claim 4 encompasses a formula of claim 2 wherein **one** R group is a Z-L-moiety and another R group is a COX group, thus two R groups are substituted with moieties including targeting agents and possibly amino acids. However, claim 2 does not encompass such a formula because it states "**one** R or R' is L" and therefore only **one** R or R' may be substituted in manner to include targeting moieties and amino acids. Thus, if one R group is the Z-L moiety in claim 4, there is no possible substitution on the formula of claim 2 that would allow for the COX moiety. For the same reason, the only one substitution, the compounds of claim 10 do not appear to be within the scope of claim 2. It appears that this may be rectified by merely amending claim 4 to be an independent claim, making sure all variables in the formula are defined and for claim 4, stating "A reagent comprising a targeting moiety covalently linked to a metal chelator having the formula...(the rest of claim 4). However, for claim 8, no clear resolution is seen because this claim cannot be merely made into independent form, as it would be unclear where the

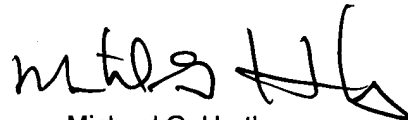
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targeting agent would be as a substitution, thus, it may be broader than originally claimed and raise new matter issues. The possibility of amending this claim to be dependent on claim 4 exists, only if it can be clearly shown that the chelators in claim 8 are within the scope of claim 4.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael G. Hartley whose telephone number is (571) 272-0616. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Tu and Th-F, 7:30-4, Telework on Wed..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mthg' followed by a stylized flourish.

Michael G. Hartley
Primary Examiner
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